

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 15-20.

Accordingly, claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-14 and 21-22.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claims 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Without acquiescing to the basis for the rejection, and simply to advance this application to an early allowance, Applicant amends claims 15-20 to more clearly identify the elements of the claimed methods, without any change in scope.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the rejections of claims 15-20 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 1-22 and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283.0720 to discuss these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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